



## American Dorper Sheep Breeders' Society

### Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2024

7 PM CST

Zoom

**Attendance:** Justin Ransom (President), Ben Binkley (Vice President), Sharon Holman, Kerry Paul, Charlie Taylor, JR Howard, LeAnn Winters, Doug Gillespie and Karla Blackstock (Executive Director)  
**Not in Attendance:** Brian Faris

The meeting was called to order by President Justin Ransom at 7:02 PM CST

#### **I. Minutes**

The minutes were presented to the Board of Directors meeting from the January 16, 2024, meeting by Karla Blackstock. Doug Gillespie made a motion to accept the minutes, pending corrections and was seconded by Ben Binkley. Motion passed.

#### **II. Financial Report:**

Karla Blackstock presented the financial report. Karla Blackstock discussed the need and mission of a finance committee. Sharon Holman made a motion to accept the financial report. JR Howard seconded the motion. Motion passed.

#### **III. Executive Directors Report**

Karla Blackstock reported on ADSBS staff activities, registrations, and membership activities. The beginning of the year is off to a strong start with renewals and registrations. Karla Blackstock also discussed the upcoming articles in the Dorper Report.

#### **IV. Old Business**

##### a. Duncan reports

- i. The executive committee requested that Ron Barns be asked to judge the junior show. Doug Gillespie moved to accept the EC's request. Sharon Holman seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- ii. Carcass Evaluation – Kerry Paul presented the agenda for the carcass evaluation. Class divisions were discussed. Fullblood and crosses between Dorpers and White Dorpers (purebreds) will be accepted into each respective division. There will be a maximum of 50 animals accepted that are all less than 100 pounds at the time of processing.
- iii. Fall Lamb Testing- The BOD previously voted to ultrasound all animals at Duncan; however, due to logistics the Executive Committee reviewed the decision and requested that the Board revisit the approach. Doug moved to change the number of lambs to fall lambs. LeAnn seconded the motion. Discussion commenced. Anyone wanting to ultrasound animals outside of those classes is welcome to do so in order to get data.
- iv. Member of the Year and Junior Member of the Year – Submissions were discussed with a vote being taken on both. Kerry Paul moved to accept Danny Jones as member of the year. Ben Binkley seconded it. Motion passed. Doug Gillespie moved to accept Caleb Welte as junior member of the year. Sharon Homan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- v. Production Ewe Class – Charlie Taylor requested that Ron Waldron assist with the judging of the production class for the juniors.
- vi. Sale – LeAnn moved to go back to the 2022 catalog layout. Kerry Paul seconded

the motion. Motion passed.

- b. Ram progeny testing was discussed. The second class of rams will be coming up soon.
- c. March Face-to-Face meeting – The Board will meet in person for a strategic planning meeting. The meeting will be held March 15-17, 2024 in San Antonio, Texas.
- d. Hill Country Judging Course – A mini-course is being discussed in conjunction with the Hill Country Sale. More details to follow. Brad to loop Doug in.
- e. Committee Reports
  - i. Finance – Doug Gillespie moved to table the approval of the FY24 budget until after a finance committee is put together. LeAnn Winters seconded the motion. Discussion followed. LeAnn pointed out that the newly formed committee needed to meet within the next 30 days. LeAnn Winters also requested a cost analysis. Motion passed.

#### **V. New Business**

- a. Dorper Report – The BOD will have a 48-hour window to review the Dorper Report prior to printing each issue.
- b. Amnesty Month – An amnesty month is being discussed where members can register animals with not late (age) penalty. The date will be released in the Summer DR.
- c. Funding requests – The Freedom Fest & Midwest Show was discussed. Doug Gillespie moved to continue the current support at \$500. Kerry Paul seconded the motion. Motion passed. Cathy Diaz submitted a request for funding a culinary event. A decision on this was tabled for more information. The Northeastern Regional Show was presented. Doug Gillespie moved to continue the \$600 support. Ben Binkley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- VI. **Adjourn** – A motion was made by Ben Binkley to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Doug Gillespie. Motion passed. The meeting ended at – 9:13 PM CST. The next Board of Directors meeting will be the face-to-face meeting on March 17, 2024.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Karla Blackstock.